

# CHARLESTON

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



### CFD Quickly Extinguishes Wentworth Street Fire

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Charleston, SC (April 28, 2014): Members from the Charleston Fire Department, Saint Andrews Fire Department, Charleston County EMS, and the Charleston Police Department on 04/27/2014 responded to a reported commercial structure fire near the intersection of Wentworth and Meeting streets. An employee of Jestine's Sweet Shop, located at 54 ½ Wentworth Street, entered the structure and discovered a dryer on fire in the rear of the tenant space. The employee unsuccessfully attempted to extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher and proceeded to the fire station located across the street and alerted fire personnel who were in quarters. Fire personnel requested additional resources from Consolidated Dispatch for the reported fire and responded to investigate.

Fire crews arrived on scene and reported smoke venting from the front of a two story multi-unit structure. Fire personnel entered the building and found a fire in the rear of the tenant space that was quickly extinguished. Apartments located above the fire were evacuated and smoke was ventilated out of the structure. No injuries were reported.

Members of the City of Charleston Fire Marshal Division responded to investigate the fire. The fire originated in a dryer near the rear of the tenant space. The fire began to extend out of the dryer to nearby combustibles. Fire damage was contained to the rear of the tenant space. Smoke and heat damage was noted throughout the space. The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The Charleston Fire Department would like to take this opportunity these safety tips:

- In the event of an unwanted fire, early warning is critical. Let others know there is a problem and that they need to evacuate.
- Call 9-1-1 in the event of any emergency as quickly as possible. Fire stations may not always have a crew available or they may be out on a different incident.
- Become familiar with the selection and operation of a fire extinguisher. Remember: fire extinguishers are for small fires.



Quarters of Engine 102 & Engine 103 located at the corner of Meeting and Wentworth Streets.

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